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| Office Action Summary | Application No. 10/630,794 | Applicant(s) OGIWARA ET AL. | |
| | Examiner Neil R. McLean | Art Unit 2625 | |

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 15-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 15-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1-2, and 13-14 withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 1/10/2008.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks Made in an Amendment filed 9/17/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) under Tsujimoto have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Tateyama et al. (US 7,062,579).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 3, and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tateyama et al. (US 7,062,579).

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application.

Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art

under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Regarding Claim 3:

Tateyama et al. discloses a digital camera (e.g., 1101 in Figure 68) which can directly communicate (Column 7, line 65 – Column 8, line 10; e.g., 1394 Serial Bus in Figure 68) with a printer (e.g., 1102 in Figure 68), comprising:

- a receiving unit that receives capability information of the printer from the printer (The device described in Column 3, lines 13-21);

- a determination unit that

- (a) determines (Column 24, lines 51-64), according to the received capability information, whether the printer has a first function of automatically detecting a paper size (Figure 37; 46-2), and

- (b) determines (Column 24, lines 51-64), according to the received capability information, whether the printer has a second function of automatically detecting a paper type (Figure 37; 46-1); and

- a user interface (Display Device 12 in Figure 69) that notifies a user that the printer has the first and second functions if said determination unit determines that the printer has the first and second functions (Column 25, lines 54-56; Figure 41).

Regarding Claim 15:

Tateyama et al. discloses the digital camera according to claim 3, wherein said user interface (Display Device 12 in Figure 69) inhibits a user from selecting a paper size if said determination unit determines that the printer has the first function (Column 25, lines 54-56; Figure 41).

Regarding Claim 16:

Tateyama et al. discloses the digital camera according to claim 3, wherein said user interface (Display Device 12 in Figure 69) inhibits a user from selecting a paper type if said determination unit determines that the printer has the second function (Column 25, lines 54-56; Figure 41).

Regarding Claim 17:

Tateyama et al. discloses the digital camera according to claim 3, wherein said user interface (Display Device 12 in Figure 69)

(a) inhibits a user from selecting a paper size if said determination unit determines that the printer has the first function (Column 25, lines 54-56; Figure 41)
and

(b) inhibits a user from selecting a paper type if said determination unit determines that the printer has the second function (Column 25, lines 54-56; Figure 41).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ozawa et al. (US 2003/0016378) discloses image processing system which can print an image sensed by the digital camera using the printing apparatus without the intervention of any computer, and a digital camera and printing apparatus suitable for the image processing system.

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil R. McLean whose telephone number is (571)270-1679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30AM-5:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on 571.272.7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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